

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The American Veterinary Medical Association was founded 150 years ago in

1863; and

WHEREAS: Veterinarians play an important role in discovering the causes of numerous

diseases that affect Minnesota's citizens, including salmonellosis, West Nile

infection, yellow fever, and malaria; and

WHEREAS: Veterinarians provide valuable public health services through preventive

medicine, control of zoonotic diseases, and by protecting the quality and security

of our nation's herds and food supply; and

WHEREAS: Veterinarians have advanced human and animal health by inventing and refining

techniques and instrumentations such as artificial hips, bone plates, splints, and

arthroscopy; and

WHEREAS: Veterinarians provide crucial support to our nation's military, emergency and

disaster relief agencies, and the agricultural independence of developing nations

around the world; and

WHEREAS: In mutual dedication to the preservation of the human-animal bond and the

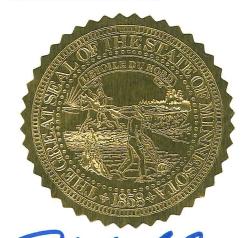
highest standards of scientific and ethical animal welfare, veterinarians in Minnesota and around the world celebrate the 150th anniversary of the American

Veterinary Medical Association in 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 20, 2013 as:

VETERINARIAN DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20th day of February.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE